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1. The TUSHINO airfield, located on the northwestern edge of MOSCOW, just south of an arterial road running west, extended about 10,000 feet along this road. The airfield had two diagonal runways, about 135 feet wide, one 3,300 and the other 5,000 feet long.
2. There were two hangars in the eastern section of the field and two more hangars and an administration building in the western section. Three four-story barracks buildings were north of the road.
3. About 15 fighters with long fuselage and swept-back blunt wings and 20 biplanes were observed at the field.
4. According to former German Air Force members in the PW camp, jet fighters and jet bombers, as well as four-engine bombers, were also stationed at the field.
5. [] the so-called swept-back fighter (see Annex). The plane was capable of taking-off almost perpendicularly and of allowing itself to fall through and then pull out again. These aircraft often landed and took off at very short intervals (Note: Presumably scramble take-offs). German Air Force soldiers mentioned take-off difficulties caused by the shortness of the runway. Soviets stated that the pilot of this craft flew prone.
6. There was a seaplane base with hangars on the western bank of the Volga Canal in KHLIMKI, opposite the Water Railroad Station. Twin and four-engine aircraft were moored in the water.

Comment :

a. The statements on the TUSHINO airfield are essentially correct and in accordance with [redacted] observation. The presence of conventional fighters and biplanes

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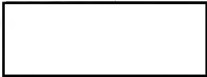
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25X1 at the field was reportedly reported. The swept-back fighter [redacted] seems to be a novel experimental type. In other, likewise not very skilful sketches, the figuration of the rudder assembly is represented in a similar way. Whether the sketched fitting is correct cannot be stated. The alleged prone accommodation of the pilot in this craft seems doubtful. It is, however, certain that the Soviets have such a type, since a similar observation was reportedly made in STAKHANOVO.*

b. The observed seaplane base is probably identical to that mentioned in a previous report.

1 Annex: Soviet Swept-Back Fighter Observed in MOSCOW-TUSHINO.

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